

**News from Rep. Stephanie Herseth
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HERSETH ASKS THE PRESIDENT TO KEEP HIS WORD, INVEST IN RENEWA

February 3, 2006, Washington, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Stephan

Late yesterday, U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth wrote to the President, urging him to

Herseth said, "The President was correct when he highlighted renewable fuels like

In his State of the Union, Bush vowed to fund research into better batteries for hyb

"It is a victory that a longtime supporter of the oil industry to recognize the need

The full text of Herseth's letter is below.

February 2, 2006

The President of the United States
The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC, 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I listened with interest to your State of the Union Speech on January 31 and was p

Regrettably, only two days after your speech, I noted the following information in t

"The Energy Department will begin laying off researchers at the National Renewa

A veteran researcher said the staff had been told that the cuts would be concentr

The budget for the laboratory, which is just west of Denver, was cut by nearly 15

Given your recent vocal support for the expeditious development and increased ut

In addition to adequate funding for DOE, there is another important step that you c

- South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota
- Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
- Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma
- Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

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I commend you for your recent comments supporting the expanded use of renewable

Sincerely

Stephanie Herseth

United States Congress

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